

FINAL EXAMINATION 2022-23

CLASS: XI

TIME: 3 HRS

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

M.M.: 80

SECTION - A (READING SKILL)

Q1. Read the following passage and answers the question that follows. ~

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"One day, a wonderful plate made of gold fell from heaven into the court of the temple. These words were inscribed on the plate—"A gift from heaven to him who loves mankind the best." The priest invited people to the temple and told about the gift from heaven. All claimed that they loved the best. Then each one got up one by one, narrated his own kind deeds, but as soon as he touched the plate, it turned into lead. The richest man in the city got up and spoke about his charity. But as soon as he touched the plate, it turned into lead. A poor farmer was also present there. He did not know about the gift. He sat in a corner quietly. People called him. He bowed to the priests and touched the plate. It shone more brightly. The shone more brightly. The priest awarded the plate to the poor farmer.

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| 1. Who was awarded the plate? | 4. When the richest man touched the plate, it turned into: |
| 2. The plate of gold fell from the ceiling of the temple. | i) gold (ii) silver (iii) coal (iv) lead |
| 3. The awarded the plate to the poor farmer. | 5. Find out a word from the passage that means "written". |

Q2. Read the following passage carefully and makes notes on it, also give a suitable title.

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Speech is a great blessing, but it can also be a great curse, for, while it helps us to make our intention and desires known to fellows, it can also, if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of an unusual word, or of an ambiguous word, and so on, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again, different classes of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated man may strike an uneducated listener as showing pride, unwillingly we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to men of our own class. Thus, speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought but one which demands careful handling, only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions of men.

SECTION - B (WRITING)

Q3. You are Sohrab Khan, Sports Secretary of your school. Write a notice for your school notice-board about the annual sports meet to be held in the coming week.

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(OR) You are Vikas/Sanjana, an electronics engineer who has recently returned from the U.S. and looking for a suitable job in the IT industry. Draft an advertisement in about 50 words for the situations wanted column of a national newspaper. Your contact number is 9193010203.

Q4. Write an application to the Principal, K.C. Pant School Jaora requesting him to issue to T.C. (School leaving certificate) as your father has been transferred to Indore. Sign as Gopal Singh Rajput of Class VIII "A".

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(OR) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the High School Examination.

Q5. Write an article for your school magazine on the topic "Physical Education".

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(OR) Prepare a speech on topic "Noise Pollution for your school morning assembly."

Q6. Write an newspaper report of your school farewell party. You are Bhushan H.S. cultural member of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Lakhnadon. Send it to editor deink Bhaskar news Jabalpur.

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(OR) Draw poster on eye donation.

SECTION - C (GRAMMER)

Q7. Fill in the blanks choosing the correct answer from the given options. (any 5)

1. He promised _____ the money. (To return/returning).
2. Keep your mouth _____ closed. (Tightly, rightly).
3. He is _____ honest man. (A, an, the).
4. I saw _____ boys sitting in the garden. (Any/some).
5. You _____ respect your elders. (Must/must not/need not).
6. I slept early _____ I was tired. (so/because/but).

Q8. Do as direct (Any 5)

1. ~~I~~ cut my nails last evening. (Change into negative).
2. Ram will buy a cow. (change into passive voice).
3. She went to library. She borrowed a book. (combine the sentences)
4. He is writing a letter. (Change into past perfect tense).
5. I can't help you because I am very tired. (Identity the type of sentence).
6. The teacher said, "Open your books". (Change into indirect).

SECTION - D (LITERATURE)

Q9. Read the following passage carefully and answers the question that follows:

From the gently rolling hills of Ravu, the short cut took us across vast open plains with nothing in them except a few gazelles that would look up from nibbling the arid pastures and frown before bounding away into the void. Further on, where the plains became more stony than grassy, a great herd of wild ass came into view. Tsetan told us we were approaching them long before they appeared. "Kyang," he said, pointing towards a far-off pall of dust. When we drew near, I could see the herd galloping en masse, wheeling, and turning in tight formation as if they were practising manoeuvres on some predetermined course. Plumes of dust billowed into the crisp, clean air.

1. Where was the author going?
a) Mount Andes b) Mount Everest ☒ c) Mount Kailash d) Mount K2
2. What all things author saw on the way?
a) Gazelles b) Wild Asses c) Mastiffs ☒ d) All of these
3. Which word from the passage means 'military exercises of soldiers'?
a) Kyang ☒ b) Manoeuvres c) Billowed d) Predetermined

Q10. (A) Read the following extract carefully and answers the question given below:

The Laburnum top is silent, quite still
In the afternoon yellow, September sunlight,
A few leaves yellowing, all its seeds fallen.
Till the goldfinch comes, with a twitching chirrup
A suddenness, a startlement, at a branch end.

1. Before the arrival of the gold finch, the laburnum tree is:
a) noisy b) shaking ☒ c) silent d) singing
2. Which word from the extract means 'a pull or jerk'?
☒ a) twitching b) chirrup c) suddenness d) startlement
3. Identify the poet:
a) Shirley Toulson ☒ b) Ted Hughes c) Elizabeth Jennings d) Markus Natten

(B) Read the following passage carefully and answers the question that follows.

His thoughts were heavy, muddled. The episode he had witnessed at Cardiff station still obsessed him morbidly. He thought of Bramwell, foolishly devoted to a woman who deceived him sordidly, of Edward Page, bound to the shrewish Blodwen, of Denny, living unhappily, apart from his wife. His reason told him that all these marriages were dismal failures. It was a conclusion which, in his present state, made him wince. He wished to consider marriage as an idyllic state; yes, he could not otherwise

consider it with the image of Christine before him. Her eyes, shining towards him, admitted no other conclusion. It was the conflict between his level, doubting mind and his overflowing heart which left him resentful and confused. He let his chin sink upon his chest, stretched out his legs, stared broodingly into the fire. He remained like this so long, and his thoughts were so filled with Christine, that he started when the old woman opposite suddenly addressed him. Her meditation had pursued a different course.

1. Who is 'He' in above lines?
a) Cronin ☒ b) Andrew Manson c) Dr. Edward d) Joe Morgan
2. What does the word 'Morbid' mean?
☒ a) Elegiac b) Cordial c) Heart warming d) Cheery
3. 3. Andrew Manson was a compounder by profession. (True/False),
4. It was the conflict between.....and his.....which left him resentful & confused. (Fill up the blank)

Q11. Answer the following question in about 30 words (Any 5):

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1. Why do you think people undertake such adventurous expeditions in spite of the risks involved?
2. Notice the kind of English Tsetan uses while talking to the author. How do you think he picked it up?
3. In which language do you think Gangadharant and Khan Sahib talked to each other? Which language did Gangadharant use to talk to the English receptionist?
4. Gangadharant could not help comparing the country he knew with what he was witnessing around him.
5. What were the results of the CT scan?
6. Explain the statement, "king tut is one of the first mummies to be scanned --- in death, as in life...."

Q12. Answer the following question in brief (Any 3):

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1. The poet's mother laughed at the snapshot. What did this laugh indicate?
2. What according to the poem childhood is involved in the process of growing up?
3. How is the father's helplessness brought out in the poem?
4. What does the word 'cardboard' denote in the poem? Why has this word been used?

Q13. Answer the following question in brief (Any 2):

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1. Did the boys return the horse because they were conscience-stricken or because they were afraid?
2. "The Address" is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment.
3. If you were about these issues today what are some of the incidents, examples and problems that you would think of as relevant?

Q14. Answer the following questions in about 75 words each (Any 2):

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1. Write three phases of the author's relationship with his grandmother before he left the country to study abroad.
2. What do the following utterances indicate?
"I told her, through Daniel..."
"It's a cold," he said finally through Tsetan.
3. In which way in which the sparrows expressed their sorrow when the author's grandmother died?

Q15. Answer the following question in about 75 words (Any 1):

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1. How is the cyclic movement of rain brought out in the poem? Compare it with what you have learnt in science.
2. Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet?

Q16. Answer the following question in about 75 words: (Any 1):

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1. "I have done something: oh, God! I've done something real at last." Why does Andrew say this? What does it mean?
2. What impression would you form of a state where the king was 'just and placid'?